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The Tischianza

Being a Descriptive Programme of the great Fête to be held in Horticultural Hall on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six

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Kalendar

The Fair which will occupy all of the lower hall, will be opened on Wednesday night, November 25th, at 7 o'clock. It will remain open on the succeeding Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 3 o'clock in the afternoon till 11 o'clock at night, except on Thursday night, when it will close at 6 o'clock, to give place to the Ball.

The following Entertainments will be given in the great upper hall during the progress of the Mischianza.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8 P. M.—Grand Promenade Concert, by the new Horticultural Hall Orchestra

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, (Thanksgiving Day)

3.30 P. M.—Children's Entertainment

In the evening—The Mischianza Ball

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8 P. M. — Dramatic Entertainment — The Comedy, "Meg's Diversion."

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To the Children's Entertainment will be 25 cents.

To the Dramatic Entertainment will be $1.00,
which includes admission to the Fair.

To the "Mischianza Ball" will be $5.00.
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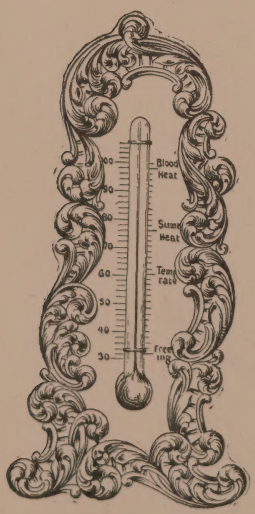

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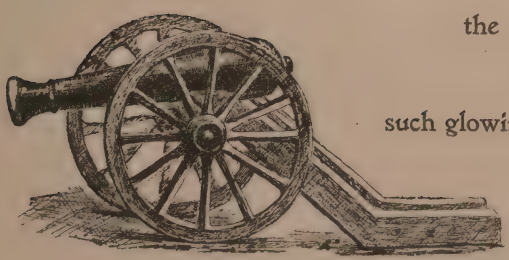

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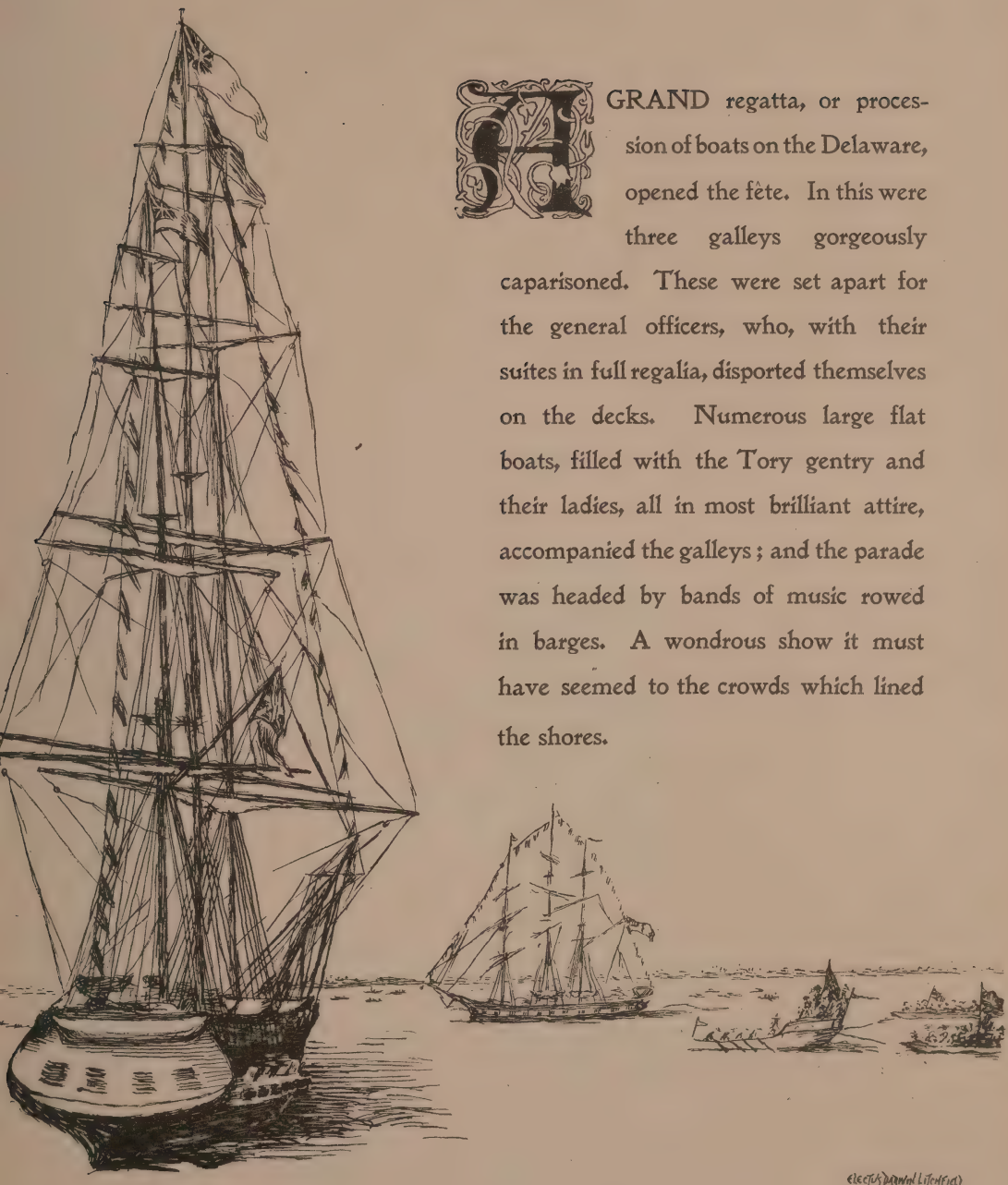

A GRAND regatta, or procession of boats on the Delaware, opened the fête. In this were three galleys gorgeously caparisoned. These were set apart for the general officers, who, with their suites in full regalia, disported themselves on the decks. Numerous large flat boats, filled with the Tory gentry and their ladies, all in most brilliant attire, accompanied the galleys; and the parade was headed by bands of music rowed in barges. A wondrous show it must have seemed to the crowds which lined the shores.

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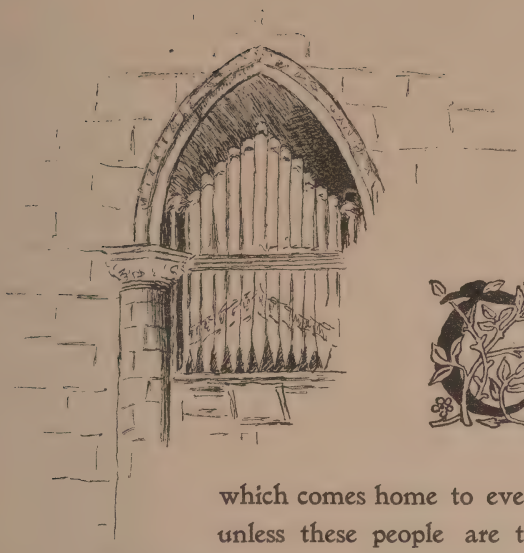

THERE are in Philadelphia some 60,000 people of a race but just freed from bondage. The future of that race is a problem which comes home to every resident of this city; because unless these people are to be made good citizens, their presence is a menace to our institutions and to our families. Surely it behooves each one of us to interest himself in the welfare of the negro and to help him forward by every possible means. Christianity is recognized as perhaps the most potent of all civilizers, and yet there are not enough churches in Philadelphia to care for a tenth of its negro population. In recognition of these facts a mission was begun among the colored people some years ago, which has succeeded so well that it is now in great need of a church building. The congregation is too poor to build one and must appeal to you. Thus it is that a second great fête or Mischianza is to be given—not to speed a departing General but to enable *you* to forward a great work.

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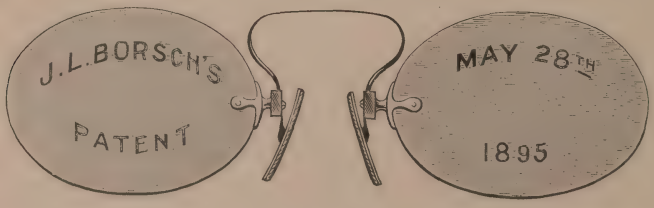

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AT the Oriental Booth, kept by Mrs. Frederick R. Chase, there will be among other things, dolls of every race and creed; dolls that speak and dolls that squeak. Here one should prepare for the Christmas stocking.

Are you lucky? Then the Package Table, where Mrs. Byron Moulton is to sell packages all at a uniform price will interest you. Each will contain a prize of greater or less value, and if your luck stands you in good stead, yours may be a fortune.

He whose fancy is charmed by Wordsworth, will delight in Mrs. E. R. Warrington's Rustic Booth, where a bit of rural scenery has been brought quite into the midst of the Mischianza.

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SWEETS galore may be found at Mrs. D. J. Bullock's booth. Here will soda water and drinks classed as soft be dispensed.

One will be afforded a glimpse of life in the far South, by the Louisiana plantation, arranged by Mrs. Charles Whelen.

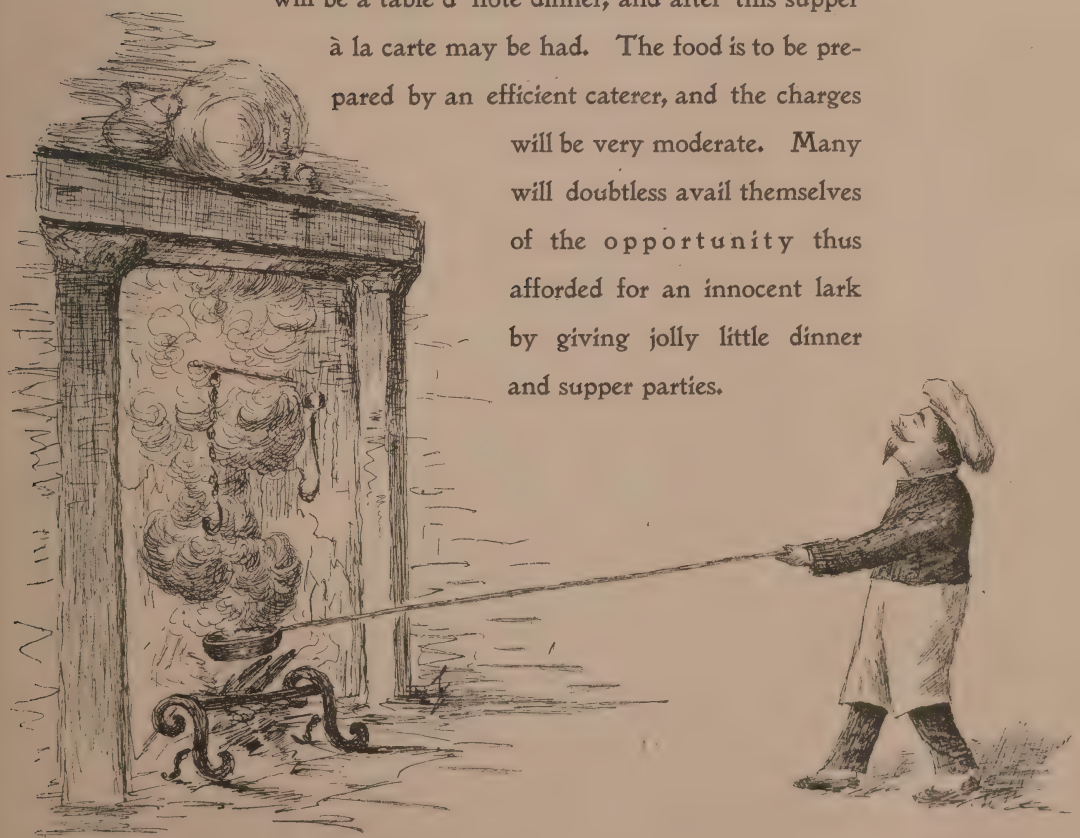
An extremely handsome booth is the one with Morris decorations, kept by Miss E. Hatton Marshall.

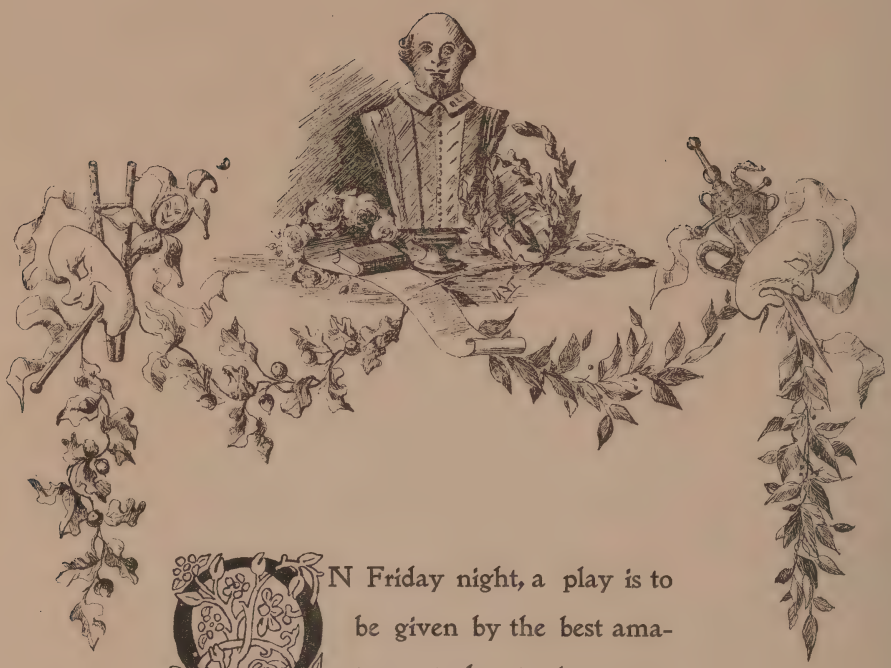
YOU may see a French salon in all its grandeur and beauty at the booth under the charge of Mrs. Charles Wheeler.

The following has been contributed as being descriptive of the Mischianza postoffice of which Mrs. Charles Carver will be the postmistress:

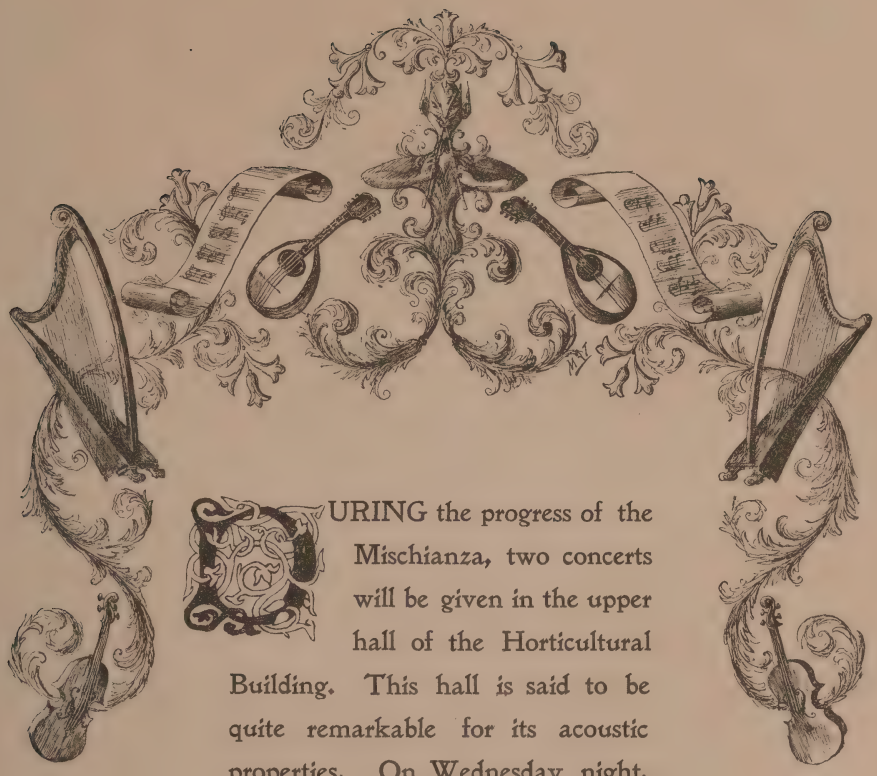
All ye who may be dull or sad,
And all to joy a debtor,
Come to our office with your name,
And buy from us a letter.
We have them here for young and old,
For men and matrons, too,
For débutantes and chaperones,
And there is one for—you.

THE foyer of the main hall has been called the chiefest glory of the new building. During the Mischianza it is to be used as a restaurant, under the direction of Mrs. J. Price Wetherill. A more delightful place for the purpose could hardly be arranged. In the afternoon till 6 o'clock, tea will be served; from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening, there will be a table d' hôte dinner, and after this supper à la carte may be had. The food is to be prepared by an efficient caterer, and the charges will be very moderate. Many will doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for an innocent lark by giving jolly little dinner and supper parties.





ON Friday night, a play is to be given by the best amateur talent in town. "Meg's Diversion," an excellent comedy of the old type will be acted by a cast made up of members of the Philadelphia Amateur Comedy Club, and of the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania. The production will be under the direction of Mr. Frederick Brooke Neilson, the Mask and Wig Club's stage director.



DURING the progress of the Mischianza, two concerts will be given in the upper hall of the Horticultural Building. This hall is said to be quite remarkable for its acoustic properties. On Wednesday night, there is to be a promenade concert by the Horticultural Hall Orchestra, which is rapidly making a reputation. The second concert will be on Saturday night. A number of very well-known vocal and instrumental soloists have agreed to take part in this, so that it will doubtless be something of a musical event.

THE Mischianza Ball, to be given on Thanksgiving night, will be one of the principal events of the Philadelphia season. The fact that it is to be the first dance held in the new hall, will in itself interest many. The names of the patronesses and managers ensure the most perfect arrangements. Tickets to the ball costing five dollars will include supper.

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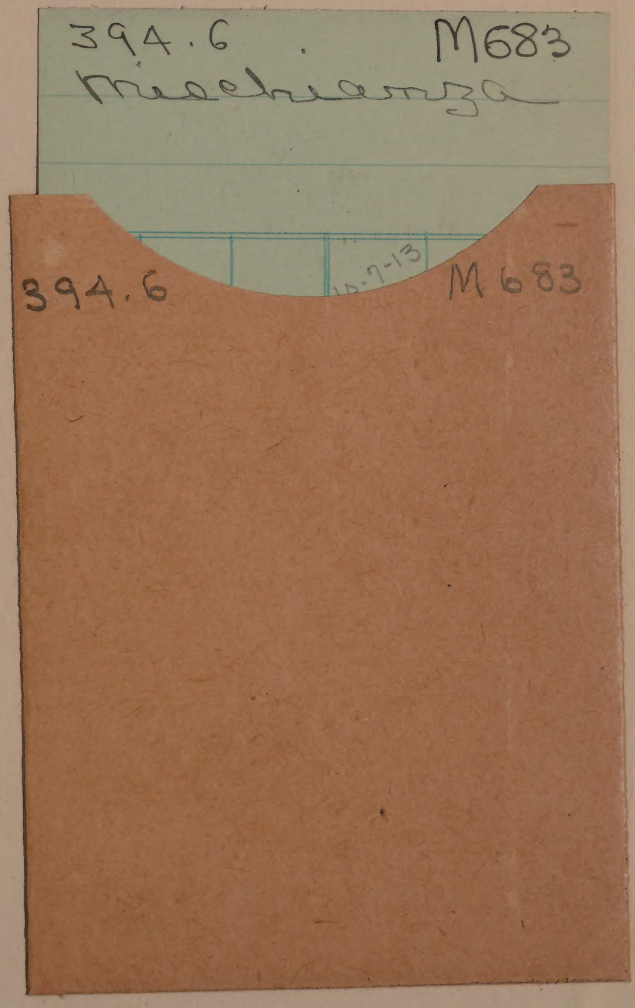

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